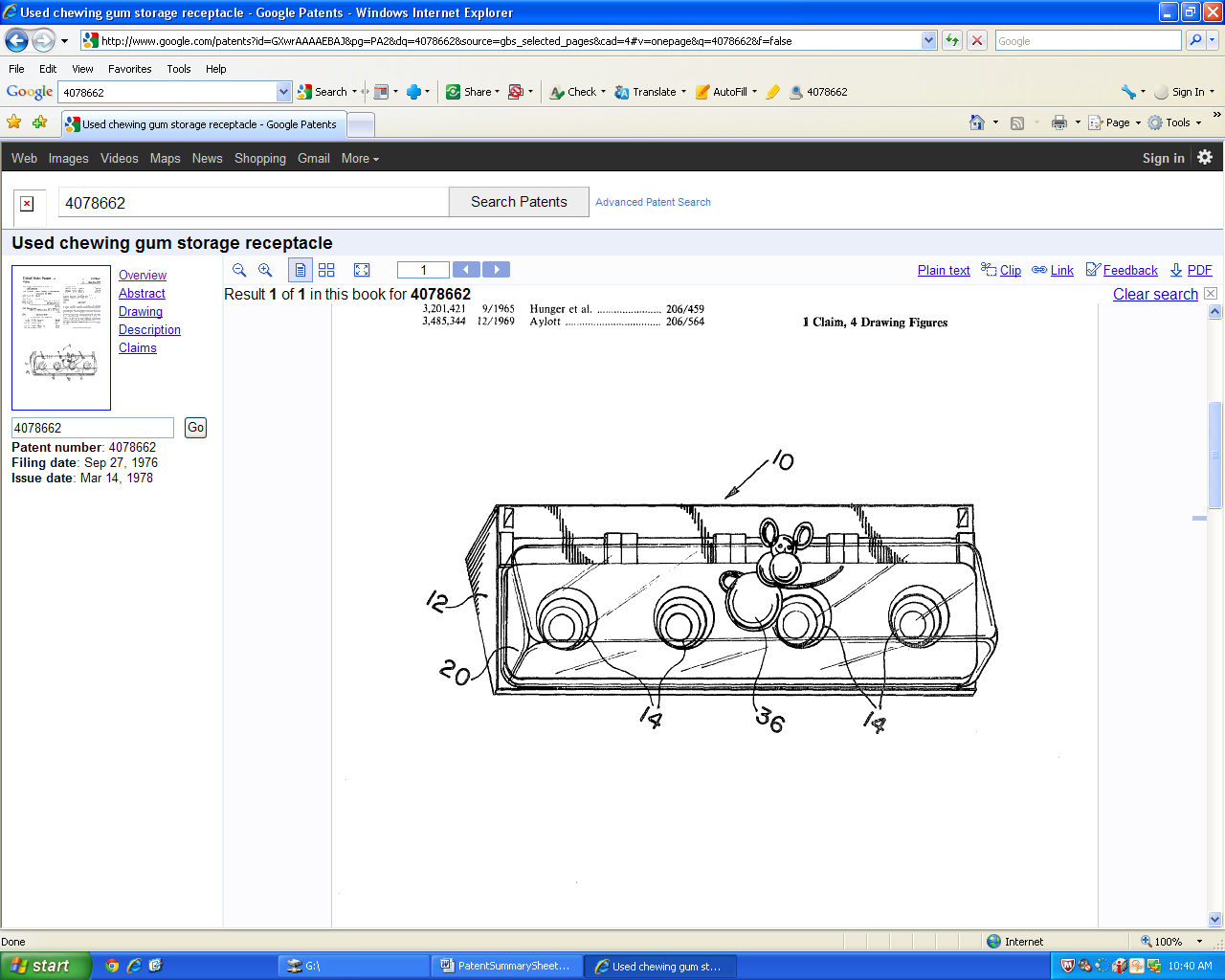
**Existing similar projects**

The research we conducted did not return any products currently in the market that approach the problem in the same way. All of the current products work to try and prevent gum from ending up on the ground because that is the main problem. If the problem of improperly disposed gum was eliminated, all of these products would not be needed. Therefore, eve though such products as gum dispensers and pavement resistant coatings are hardly products similar to our, they all provide competition. If everyone began using the gum dispensers, gum would not be found on the floor and would not be a problem by sticking to shoes.

**Chewed gum dispenser**

A used chewing gum receptacle that includes a base member in which a plurality of spaced recessed storage compartments are formed and a cover which is removably secured thereon. A disposable liner is provided with cup-like areas therein arranged in location and size to correspond with the storage compartments in the base. This product is fit for people to carry around in their pockets and store used pieces of gum until they can be disposed of somewhere else.



**Pave-Saver**

Due to its exceptional penetration and stain repellent properties, Pave-Saveris ideally suited to the protection of a wide variety of outdoor and indoor masonry surfaces that are subjected to heavy foot traffic. Pave-Saver protects stone and pavement surfaces from weathering and helps surfaces remain clean by repelling chewing gum, water, airborne dirt, acid rain, smog, industrial pollutants, oil and grease, dust and organic growth. Rain water will remove most stains as the pollutant is prevented from sticking to the substrate. Pave-Saver also prevents spalling through repeated freeze/thaw cycles. Once applied it is invisible, essentially forming part of the substrates fabric and therefore offering high resistance to abrasion. This product sound most like what our solution would work to do except on the opposing surface.



**GummyBins**



GummyBins are plastic gum dispensers that are meant to be installed in public places like on the streets or sometimes even in offices. They have an eye grabbing design that works to make the gum chewers want to dispose of their gum in those bins.

**Gum Targets**



The gum targets work on the same principle as do the gummy bins, they attract attention to themselves to have people want to stick their gum on the poster. A lot of them have faces and other pictures to attarct attention. Both of these products, work to minimize the gum disposed of on the ground as well as stuck on chairs and other furniture.